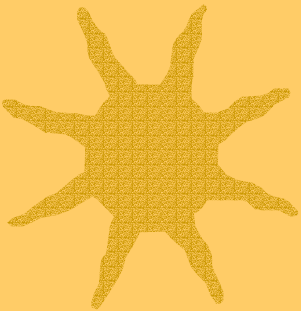


*The High School Assessment*

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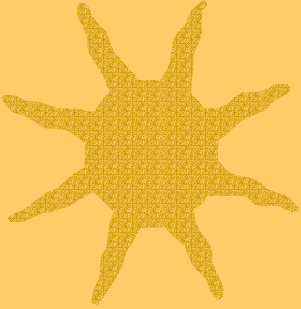
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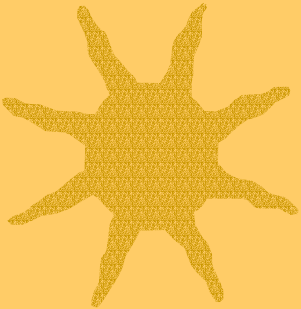


# *HSA Graduation Requirement*

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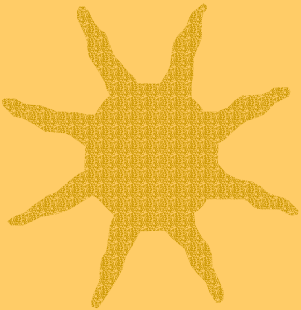
**Beginning with the class of 2009, ALL**  
Students must pass the High School  
Assessment (HSA) to graduate:



Algebra 1

Biology

English 10

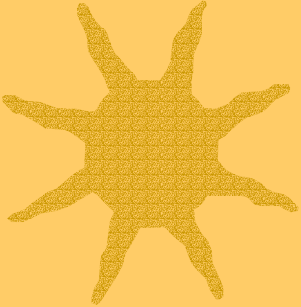


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# *Meeting the HSA Graduation Requirement*

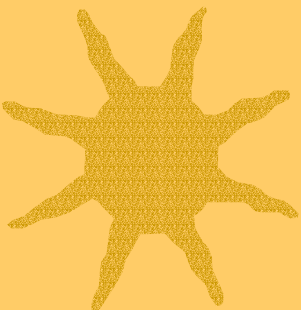
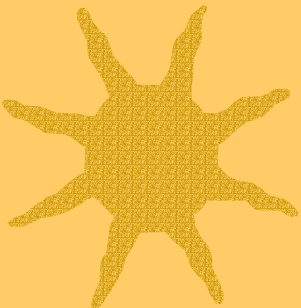
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Passing all FOUR HSAs *or*

Earning at least the minimum score  
on each HSA *and* a total score of

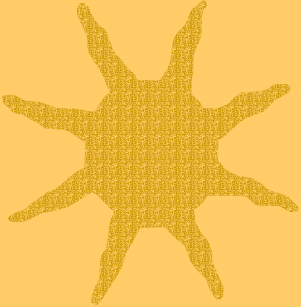
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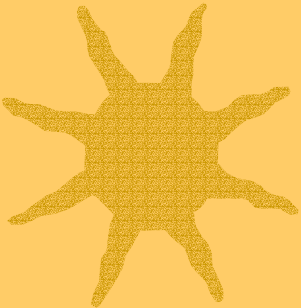


## *Passing Scores:*

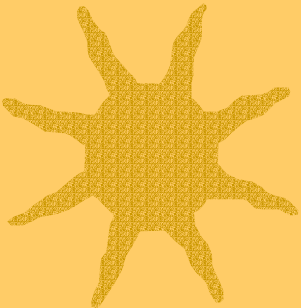
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★ Algebra 1 412



★ Biology 400



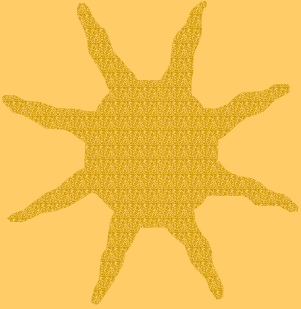
★ English 10 396

★ Government 394

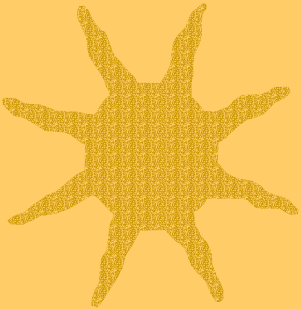


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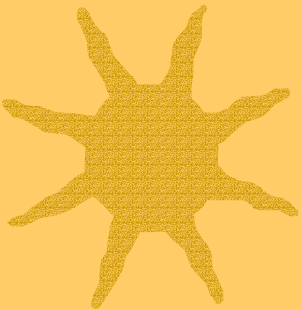
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★ Algebra 1                      402



★ Biology                              391

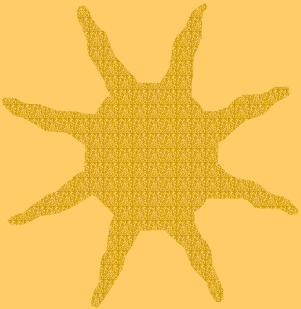
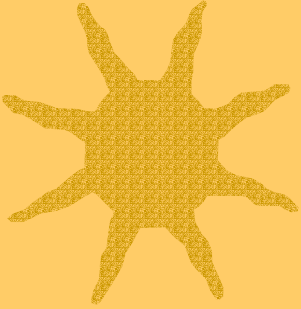


★ English 10                      386

★ Government                      387



# *Example 1*



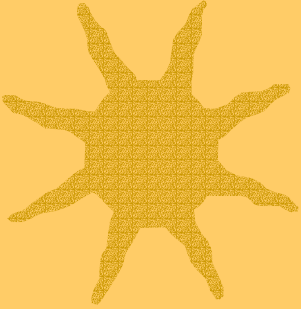
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## MEETS REQUIREMENT

Algebra 1	405 (Minimum)
Biology	410 (Pass)
English 10	386 (Minimum)
<u>Government</u>	<u>402 (Pass)</u>
Total	1603 (Pass)



## *Example 2*



### DOES NOT MEET REQUIREMENT

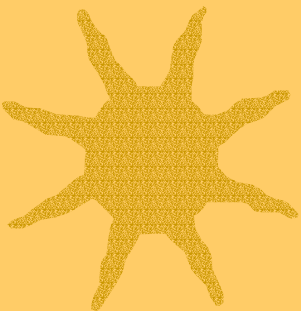
Algebra 1                      409 (Minimum)

Biology                        405 (Pass)

English 10                    396 (Pass)

Government                    390 (Minimum)

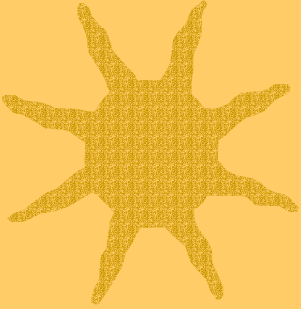
Total                            1600 (Fail)



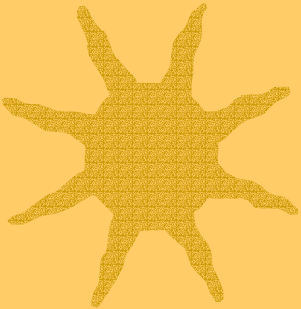


## *What if a student fails or earns the minimum score on an HSA?*

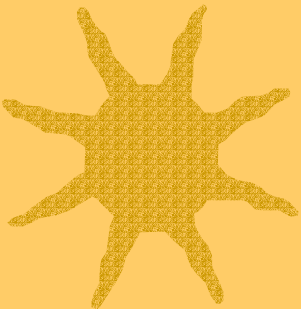
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★ Students must receive intervention before retaking the HSA.



★ HSAs are offered in January, May, and July.

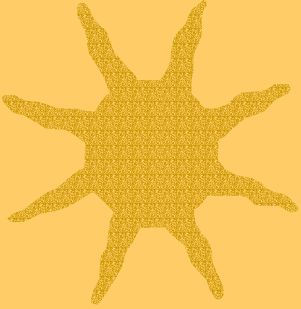


★ Students may retest to earn a passing score.



## *What are the HSAs like?*

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★ 3 ½ hours long

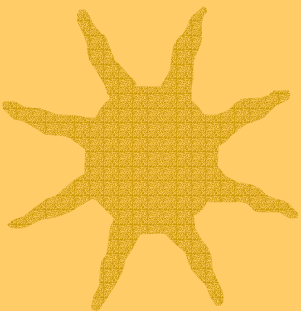
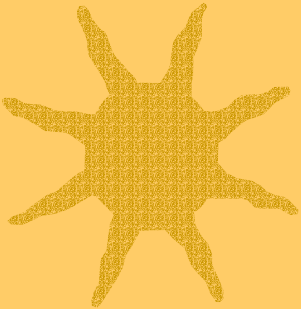
★ Types of Questions

-Selected Response (SR)

-Student-Produced Response (SPR)

-Brief Constructed Response (BCR)

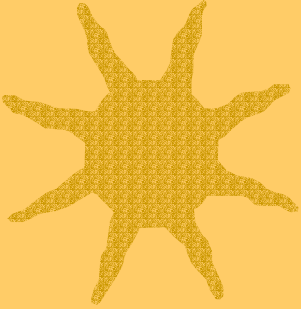
-Extended Constructed Response (ECR)



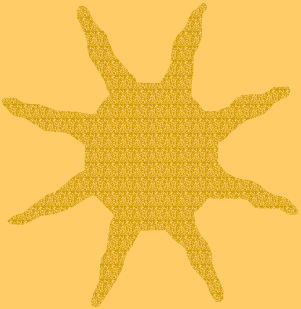


## *When are scores available?*

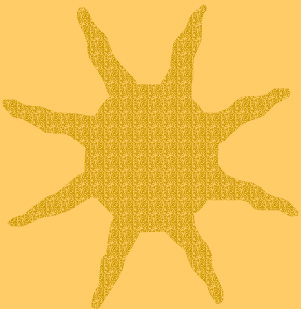
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Maryland State Department of Education currently sends scores to school districts approximately 12 weeks after students take the tests.



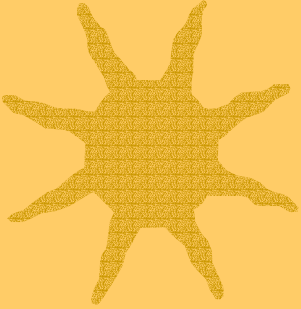
Schools receive scores approximately three weeks later.



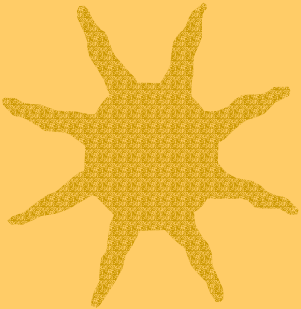


## *What if a student is absent during testing?*

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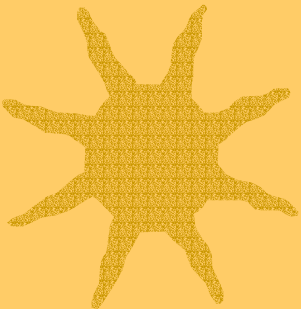


Scheduled make-up days are offered within 2 weeks of the original test date.



Parents should contact the school to obtain the make-up dates. (410) 887-0660

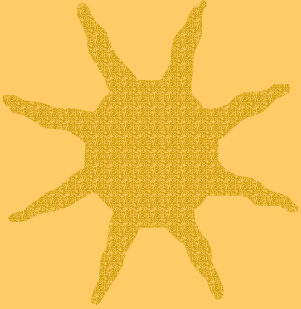
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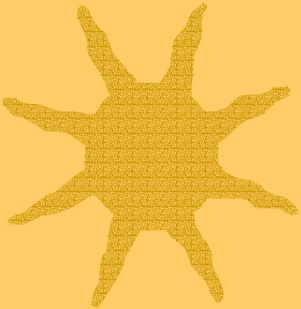


## *What if a student has accommodations in an IEP or 504 plan?*

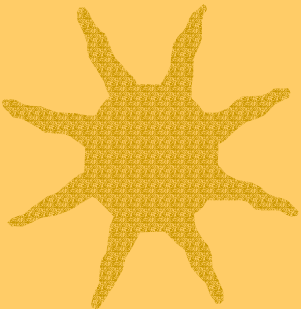
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★ All students with an IEP or 504 plan will receive testing accommodations specified on the plan.



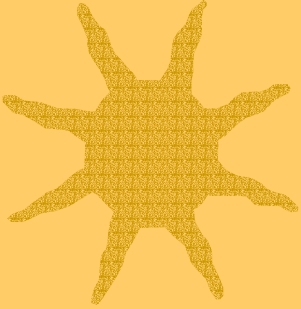
★ Parents should contact case managers or school counselors with questions about HSA accommodations.



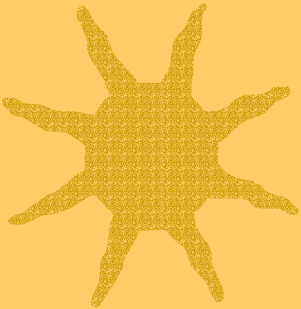


*What if a child is in an ESOL program or has exited within the past two years?*

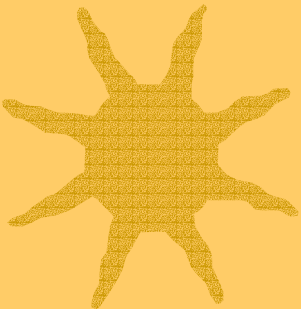
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★ ESOL students are entitled to testing accommodations outlined in their English Language Learner (ELL) plan.



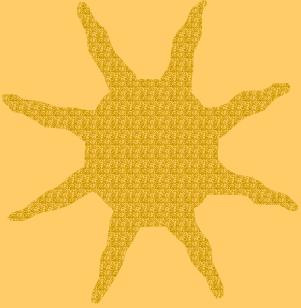
★ Students exited from ESOL programs within the past 2 years are entitled to accommodations outlined in Re-designated English Language Learner (R-ELL) plans.



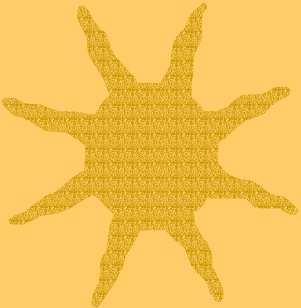


*Are students who earn course credit outside of BCPS required to pass the HSAs?*

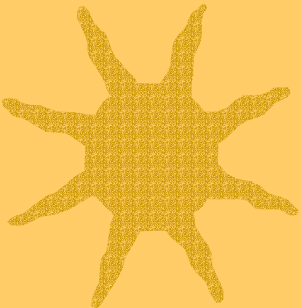
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★ No: Courses taken out-of-state, private school, foreign country



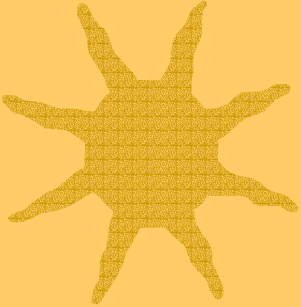
★ Yes: Courses taken in another Maryland public school, online, public/private summer school



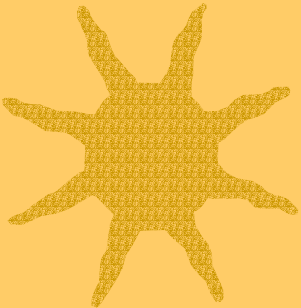


## *Additional Information on HSAs*

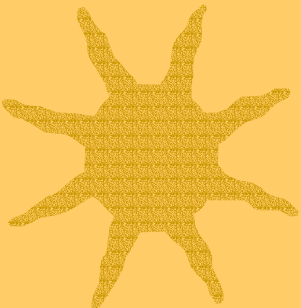
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